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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

COMMENTS INVITED ON NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA (REGION 8) PUBLIC SAFETY REGIONAL PLAN AMENDMENT (Gen. Docket No. 88-476)

Comment Date: May 13, 2002 Reply Date: May 31, 2002

On March 12, 2002, the Region 8 (New York Metropolitan area)¹ Public Safety Regional Planning Committee submitted a proposed amendment to its Public Safety Plan that would revise the current channel allotments to reflect changes made as a result of Region 8 Filing Window 6. The requested amendment proposes modification of the Region's frequency allocation tables to provide new assignments (see Region 8's proposed "WINDOW 6 CHANNEL ALLOCATIONS," attached as Appendix 1) for the Town of Greenwich, Connecticut; the Connecticut State Police; Suffolk County, New York; the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police; the New York-New Jersey Port Authority; and the Township of Old Bridge, New Jersey. Region 8 has imposed operational limitations in order to add these proposed allotments. Letters of concurrence have been received from each of the three adjacent regions; Region 30 (New York - Albany)², Region 28 (Philadelphia Metropolitan Area)³, and Region 19 (New England Area).⁴

In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its

¹ Region 8 includes Southwestern Connecticut, Southern New York and Northeastern New Jersey.

² Region 30 includes New York – Albany area.

³ Region 28 includes Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware.

⁴ Region 19 includes Connecticut (except Fairfield, Litchfield, New Haven and Middlesex counties), Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands.⁵ The Region 8 Plan, which was originally adopted by the Commission on May 12, 1989, has been amended

several times in the last twelve years.⁶ General Docket No. 88-476, 4 FCC Rcd 4457 (1989).

The Commission is soliciting comments from the public before taking action on this proposed plan amendment. Copies of the Region 8 Amendment Request may be viewed at the Commission's Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International (Qualex), which is located at Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C., 20554. Qualex may be reached by telephone at (202) 863-2893, facsimile at (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com. The Region 8 Amendment Request may also be viewed on-line by accessing the Commission's Electronic Comments Filing System (ECFS) and initiating a search of the records for General Docket No. 88-476.

Interested parties may file comments on the Region 8 Plan Amendment Request on or before May 13, 2002. Parties interested in submitting reply comments must do so on or before May 31, 2002. All comments should reference General Docket No. 88-476, including the DA number of this Public Notice, and should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-325, Washington, D.C. 20554. A copy of each filing should be sent to (1) Qualex International, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 863-2893; and (2) Joy Alford, Federal Communications Commission, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Policy and Rules Branch, 445 12th Street, S.W., 4-B411, Washington, D.C. 20554; and (3) Maria Ringold, Federal Communications Commission, Consumer Information Bureau, Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, S.W. Room CY-B529, Washington, D.C. 20554.⁷

The full text of the Region 8 Plan Amendment Request, comments and reply comments will be available for inspection and duplications during regular business hours in the Reference Information Center (RIC) of the Consumer Information Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may also be

⁵ See Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment to Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/766-869 MHz Bands by the Public safety Services, Report and Order, General Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

⁶ The New York Metropolitan Area Public Safety Regional Plan (Region 8) was subsequently revised on December 4, 1990, 5 FCC Rcd 7417 (1990), September 26, 1994, 9 FCC Rcd 5724 (1994), November 28, 1994, 9 FCC Rcd 7341 (1994), March 22, 1995, 10 FCC Rcd 3398, and March 17, 1997 (Report No. WT 97-12).

⁷ The address for FCC locations should be used only for documents filed by United States Postal Service. Documents delivered by Federal Express or any other express mail service should be addressed to the relevant person or office at the Federal Communications Commission, 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered documents are accepted only at our new location at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. See FCC Announces a New Filing Location for Paper Documents and a New Fax Number for General Correspondence, *Public Notice*, 16 FCC Rcd 22165 (2001).

purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W. Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202)-863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via-e-mail qualexint@aol.com. For further information regarding the public reference file for this Request, contact Maria Ringold, Chief, Wireless Branch, RIC, (202) 418-1355.

Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

For further information, contact Ms. Joy Alford, of the Policy and Rules Branch of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0694, TTY (202) 418-7233, or via e-mail to jalford@fcc.gov.

By the Acting Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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